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### "Another Summer."

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

"Another summer," say'st thou, Friend,

And then thy plans shall be

Completed?—and thy life resolves

Reduced to certainty?

Amid glorious grove I sat

When the last solstice glow'd,

Its towering hopes sprang thick around,

And vigorous promise glow'd,—

And fearless toward the skies uprose

Its canopy of green—

While groups of trusting flow'ers peep'd

These sheltering shafts between,

The woodman's axe rang sharp and shrill,

And there, in ruin lay

The kindly Oak, and all his peers,

As on the battle day.

"Another Summer,"—do I said,—

Unto my precious one,

The youngest darling of my love,

My fair and only Son—

His was the swift, unflinching foot,

The firm and graceful form,

The young, bold heart, that never shrink

From noblest heat or storm,

His nineteenth year's season fled,

As fondly thus we spoke

Of a new home, mid prairies green,

That soon he hoped to reach—

But now, beside his early grave

In yonder reaper's spot,

Another's burning anguish flows—

And he regards not now

"Another Summer,"—do I hear

From many a turf-clad mound,

In hollow mounds, deep and low

The name reproving sound?—

Oh, said!—it there is aught unlovely

Of duty or of love,

For God, thy neighbor, or thyself,

A Christian's task to prove,

Hosts to wait with unflinching zeal

Enfold the Law Divine—

And wisely spend the fleeting hour—

The next may not be thine—

Nor load the pang of parting life

With that despairing morn.

The Family Feud.

FROM THE DEBATE OF GEORGE KINKEL.

"Friedrich, Friederich, Friederich, Friederich."

Pence gives increase, discord wastes.

That is an old and a true saying, although

many people put no faith in it.

On a bank of the Lower Rhine stands a

little village, clean and pleasant to look at,

and whose inhabitants are well to do,

for the fields and meadows are fertile, and

the people are industrious and orderly.

The richest man there was old Andrew,

whose house and stabling were close to

the river, where the towing-path passed in

front of the village. At his death all his

wealthy goods went to his two sons, of whom

the eldest was named Caspar, and the young-

est Zebulon.

From his youth upwards Caspar was a

strong, healthy fellow, who, at fifteen years

of age, could guide a plough or handle a

scale with any man; and who, at night,

when he came in for his supper, would take

his share of soup and potatoes with the best

farm-laborer in the country. Zebulon, on

the contrary, was but a rickety boy, and

for three years had to drink physic instead

of bread, besides being tormented with all the

maladies incident to childhood. After his

fourteenth year he gained strength, but his

limbs remained crooked and tumbling, and he

was a bad customer to the barber, for he

never had any beard. He had no taste for

farming, but loved to lie beside the stove,

playing with the neighbor's children, who

were much younger than he—making them

all manner of toys, mending the broken

heads and legs of the beasts of Noah's

ark, and sewing clothes for their dolls.

Old Andrew, seeing he was of no use in the

fields, bound him apprentice to a tailor. He

proved clever with the needle; and, before his

father's death, he had set up for himself,

and was doing well. But, in spite of this,

the girls of the village would have nothing

to say to him—not even those for whose

dolls he had formerly made clothes; they

made game of him, and nicknamed him

Master Scissors-legs, on account of his lower

limbs, which had grown crooked. This

discouraged him; and at last he thought no

more of falling in love, but clung all the

closer to his brother Caspar, who had married

early, according to the good country

custom, and whose wife brought him a child

every year.

When old Andrew died, the brothers easily

agreed about the inheritance. Caspar took

all the farm-land; Zebulon had the

house, with the large kitchen garden and

adjacent meadows. He gave up the ground

to his brother, with whom he took his

of laborers requisite, and at last his wife

found the ground floor of the house too

small. She plagued her husband to build a

new house by the side of the old one; it

must not be of wood and clay, but in good

brick house, with a wainscoted room in it.

For a long time Caspar would not listen to

her, for he said to himself that for the cost

of a new house, he could buy a dozen cows

and an acre of land. But his wife pressed

a fine house and no cows. Reader, if ever

you wished for cows, and your wife for a

new house, you assuredly remember that the

house was built, and that the beasts were not

bought.

But the ground for the house? Nothing

could be done till brother Zebulon agreed

to give that for the land all around the

farmstead belonged to him, and he had

five vegetables in the garden, and produc-

tive fruit-trees in the meadow, and twice a

week he sent down the produce by the mar-

ket boat to Rees or Clever, and in this way

lost many a hard dollar, and had now a

round sum at interest. The garden especially

was a great enjoyment to him; it had

been his good when he rose from his father's

board, to busy himself with light garden-

work, such as sowing, planting, grafting, and

the like. Caspar, although he had abun-

dance of land and many broad fields, had

nothing near the village except a small

worthless strip, which lay between the house

and towing-path. His wife had conditioned

for this when the property was divided, to

use as a drying ground for her linen. It

was an uneven sandy bit of soil, and sloped

so much towards the river that it was flood-

ed almost every year.

The best possible place for the house

would have been Zebulon's kitchen garden.

It was high and dry, had a pretty view of

the river, and the soil was firm and well

suited for cellars and foundations. From

the very first this had been the wife's

opinion, and now she spoke it out. When

Caspar heard it he scratched his head and

said he had better break the matter herself

to brother Zebulon.

This she did the very next evening after

supper, when grave had been said, and the

children sent to bed. She treated the sub-

ject as a thing quite of course, and made no

doubt but that Zebulon would act brotherly,

and let them have the garden at a bargain.

Zebulon made no answer, but rose from his

chair, handed Caspar, according to his regu-

lar habit of an evening, a pinch from his

snuff-box, wished him, as he sneezed, God's

blessing and a good night, in the same

breath, and walked up stairs to bed.